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DATE OBTAINED	DATE PREPARED	27 April 1953	
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1. On 10 April, 9 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] and about 110 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the Weisswasser troop training grounds toward Cottbus. On 11 April, 5 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were unloaded in Weisswasser from the direction of Cottbus. The tanks and troops left again toward Cottbus in the evening. On 11 April, 2 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] were parked at the Spremberg railroad station. On 11 April, Camp Nochten was occupied by about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and about 50 VPs. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on 11 April and from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on 12 April, tank firing was heard from the training grounds. 1
 

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2. During the time from 3 to 13 April 1953, the Flak Kaserne in Wurzen was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with anti-airillery and tank insignia. The troops engaged in drill, athletic exercises and preparations for their transfer. Armored scout cars [redacted] 1 T-43 tank, and 3 mortars were observed. Ammunition was unloaded from 8 boxcars. On 13 April, practice targets and range finders were trucked to the railroad station. Motor vehicles seen in traffic from and to the barracks installation [redacted]
 

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3. At about 8:15 a.m. on 24 March, 1 train without locomotive but loaded with 6 SP guns, 5 trucks, 2 radio trucks, 4 jeeps, and troops on 12 boxcars stood on the second main track at the Koethen railroad station. 3
 

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4. At about 11 a.m. on 24 March, a column of 14 trucks with about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets [redacted] was seen moving through Wittenberg-Plesteritz, coming from an easterly direction and proceeding toward a westerly direction. 4
 

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1. Comment. The report indicates that the majority of the 9th Mecz Div had not arrived in Weisswasser by 11 April. 25X1
2. Comment. These are the first indications as to the departure of units of the 8th Gds Mecz Div, presumably for Koenigsbrueck.
3. Comment. Presumably, the shipment of a tank firing detail to Letzling Heath.
4. Comment. the unit belongs to the 6th Gds Tank Div.

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